

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: Ayoub RASHTCHIAN, <i>et al.</i> |) | Confirmation No: 6375 |
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| Application Serial No.: 10/633,629 |) | Group Art Unit: 1633 |
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| For: COMPOSITIONS FOR IN VITRO AMPLIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS | | |

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action of June 5, 2009. This response is timely filed on December 5, 2009, by the filing of a petition for a three (3) month extension of time and the payment of the requisite fee.

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